

Appl. No.: 10/663,584  
Amdt. dated 11/09/2006  
Reply to Official Action of August 9, 2006

**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the thorough examination of the present application, as evidenced by the first Official Action. The Official Action rejects all of the pending claims, namely Claims 1-26, under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,943,558 to Hale et al. In response, Applicants have submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer to address the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the double patenting rejection of Claims 1-26 is overcome.

In view of the terminal disclaimer and the remarks presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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